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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

New Yorl, has twelve times as many churches as Berlin. Refreshments are not served at parties because guests are hungry, but be-

enting begins and become sociable. A firm in America is turning out large quantities of paper tiles which are used for roofing. They are relazing appears to be of the nature of Japanese lac. They are said to be exreedingly cheap, and can be fashioned in any color or shape to suit the pur-

According to official reports the weight of paid mail matter originating in Chicago during the 35 days between October 3 and November 6, when the mails were officially weighed by the government, was 3,882 tons. Counting government free mail, pouches and sacks, the total weight was 4,976 tons. During the same perind the postal receipts from stamps and postal cards was \$653,948.

It is proposed owing to the number of accidents that occur each year that the Maine legislature pass a law probibiting the wearing by hunters of buff-colored clothes which may be mistaken at a distance for a deer. Ordipary hunting clothes are the worst possible thing for a man to wear in the northern woods. Accidents have been most frequent and several hunters are killed annually, often being shot by their friends, who think they

Great Salt lake is receding on account of the excessive drain made upon it by irrigation enterprises. This lake is not fed by underground springs, but by the Jordan and other rivers, and when the waters of these streams are intercepted by irrigation oses the water supply of the Salt Like is, of course, diminished so that the evaporation which is constantly going on is not made up by a new surply. In time it looks as if the lake will be only a bed of dry salt.

The director of the meteorological ous reatory on Mount Blane has been considering the advisability of installher the Marconi wireless telegraphy system upon the mountain. The orditelegraphy i mally, but the great snow drifts have should have with the telegraph wires. It is believed that the wireless system of telegraphy would prove not only valuable from a scientific point of view, but would also increase the safety of travelers upon the moun-

THE EFFECT OF EXAMPLE.

It Was This That Caused Two Montaun Men to Change Their

"Example is a great teacher, even in the wild and woolly west," re-marked a Montana man to a Wash-Engton Star reporter, "and I recall an Incident of the effect of an eastern stom which was brought into Montona some years ago, but is not yet popular. I am glad to say. I refer to the parting of a human name in the middle. We have a few specimens, but as far as I know none is indigenous. But to the force of exam-When Montana was a territory I. S. Crosby, of New York, was appointed governor, and Mr. Crosby, wrote his name 'J. Schuyler Crosby,' In the course of time Gov. Croaby made Henry B. Wilkins his private secretary, and it wasn't a great while before Mr. Wilkins became H. Brady Wilkins. This condition of affairs exexted for some time longer, and a colored man around town by the name of Jim Collins got a job as janitor of the governor's office. Collins' initials were J. H., and I'm shot if it was 30 days after he cleaned the office out the first morning before he was sign-ing his name 'J. Hanson Collins.'"

An Inexhaustible Subject.

Dr. Lewis James, one of the leaders of the Greenacre Chautauqua in Maine, be- having taught the world the merits pleasures of life are almost to be had for sides being a scholar is a good deal of of soup, are themselves falling off in a wit. Meeting a friend who was at- their love for the traditional national tending the recent summer session of dish. Until the Franco-Prussian war the famous institution he asked how he soup was regularly taken at luncheon was enjoying himself. "Excellently, as well as at dinner and the older cuscatil yesterday," was the reply, "when tom included breakfast No. 1 as well, I heard Prof. X -- ." "Didn't he lee- but it is now coming to be the fashion fure well?" asked the doctor. "Not at to restrict its use to dinner. in this all," answered his friend, "he simply country the soup habit has increased told us what he didn't know." "Ah!" prodigiously within the past ten years. queried the doctor, "then he is still talking?"—San Francisco Wave.

Those Inquisitive Youngeters. "Papa, you took the scientific course in college, didn't you?"

"Yes, dear; I spent two years on sei-"When you look in a mirror the left de of your face appears to be the right

side, and the right side seems to be the feft. The looking glass reverses it, doesn't it?"

"Then why doesn't it reverse the top and bottom of your face the same way?"
"Why-er-ah!" - Trained Mother-

WHIMS OF REAL HORSES.

The Thoroughbreds Are as Pull of Queer Kotions on the Most Erratie Haman Being.

"Talking about people being pecul-

Bennings race track the other day, "if there is anything more peculiar than race horses I haven't come across it. course, are as full of whims as-well, as a woman, and you've got to humor them just the same as women. I remember one I trained some years ago -a horse, I mean, of course. He was a great one, and few of them could show him the way in. Yet that fel-low couldn't be exercised in preparing him for a race unless the boy on him was rigged out in the stable's colors. You couldn't fool him about it, either, for he knew just as well whether the boy was fully dressed as we did, and if he wasn't you couldn't get the old fellow on the track. But when the boy put on the duds, why, the old horse would go out and do all that was wanted of him," says the Washington Star.

Then there was another that I had that wouldn't associate with other horses, and the consequence was that we had to train him by himself. Actually had to wait every time until every other horse was off the track. Then when he had the whole track to himself, we had all we could do to get him off when we thought he had been given enough. This same one we had to send to the post by himself, and when we got him there we had to keep him away to one side, off from the bunch. Another one I had was just the opposite, cause people drop their reserve when for he wouldn't go on the track, either for exercise or for a race, unless he

was accompanied by another horse. "Then there is the horse that runs true as long as he is in the lead, but will stop and give up the fight the moment another one gets near him or passes him. On the other hand, there is the horse that tries all the harder as long as he is behind. Then there is the horse that will not try if the jockey has a whip, while there are others that will not try unless they are given both whip and spurs. But, as I said, they are very peculiar, and have as many whims as mankind."

WHERE HONESTY EXISTS.

Burglar Aleems Are Required in the Small Towns of Connecticut.

"People in the small towns up in Connecticut," said a traveling man, "appear to be much more honest than they are in New York. Not one family in ten thinks of such a thing as burglar alarms, and half of them do not even lock their outer doors when they retire. But what impresses me most are

the street laundry boxes. "Nearly every town of 5,000 or more inhabitants has several places where laundry packages are received and delivered. These places are generally dry goods or notion stores, or haberdasheries. Suburban merchants as a rule do not keep their stores open much later than eight o'clock in the evening. and do not open them until seven or

half-past seven in the morning. "This does not suit all their patrons, so it is no infrequent sight to see outside the store a large red box with a fair-sized opening in the top. The box bears the legend: 'If the store is closed, put your laundry in here.' Now just imagine a New York laundry office using a receptacle like that. Why, five minutes after a package was deposited in the box it would be fished out and in an hour its contents would be in hand clothing. But up in Connecticut the scheme seems to work very well, and all I can say is that it is a tribute to the general honesty of the com-

COULD NOT RESIST BOOTS.

munity.

Woman Who Had Never Stolen Anything, But Them She Would Steal.

Here is a respectable looking middleaged woman; 20 times at least she has been sent to varying terms of imprisonment for stealing from shops; an incorrigible shoplifter she is termed, and so I thought till I came to understand her, says the Contemporary Review. Repeatedly as she was charged the pathos of the whole thing grew upon her. Her silence in the dock and her tears in the cell were irresistible.

So we became friends, and she told me her secret. I found respectable lodgings for her, hired a sewing machine, and secured her plenty of work. She was not idle, and was soon beyond the necessity of stealing. I flattered myself we were on the way to success and I said to her: "Your devil shall be east out," when all of a sudden the old offense was repeated, and again to prison she went. My heart went out to the wretched creature as she sat in the cell. I could not condemn her, for I knew. With a piteous look into my face she said: "Don't blame me, Mr. Holmes, don't blame me; I can't help it. I would | knocked at his door. She has neve if I could, but I must steal books." Knowing this, I had provided her liberally with boots to minimize the temptation, but all in vain, and so far as I could ascertain she had never stolen anything but boots.

Soup in France. It is rumored that the French, after prodigiously within the past ten years. though less importance is attached to it than in Europe.

An Egyptian Flower Show.

Under the patronage of the khedive out on bicycles by midday and located of Egypt, who is a rare lover of gardening, an exhibition is to take place at Ghezireh, Cairo, on March 20 and 31 and April 1., 1900, at which Americans are especially invited to be competitors. A programme in very good English has been prepared, which may be had by addressing W. Wilfred Carey, secretary, Kasr-el-Doubara, Cairo, Egypt. Carnations, lilies, pansies, phlox, stocks, violets, roses and "any good thing not specified" are among the special articles to be exhibited by florists, for which silver medals and sums of money are offered .- N. Y. Journal.

FOR THE HOUSEWIFE.

Short Suggestions Concerning Various Items of Domestic

lar," remarked an old trainer out at the Cocos is now much used in the place of chocolate for icing cake. Beat the white of two eggs and stir into them Ruce horses, I mean the coughbreds, of nearly a cupful of powdered sugar and two teaspoontule of cocos, or simply tir the sugar and cocon to a paste with a little cold water, havering with anitla. A third twe for bling calls for four tablespooned and arabulated sugar boiled with the same quantity of water for a moment, then add two easpoonfuls of command a teaspoon-

ful of vanilla, and spread.

A "mountain dow" pudding that makes a surje and inexpensive but withal a favorite dessert calls for a int of milk, two ergs, three tableeconfuls of encountry, one half cupful f rolled crackers, one trasposal l lemon juice. Mix all together (saving out the whites of the eges) and bake one-half hour in a moderate oven. When firm and brown cover with a meringue made from the whites of the eggs and a cupful of sugar, and stiffen in a slow oven until a golden brown.

Among the new varieties of ice cream cherry bisone, which had its origin at Newport, and the Klandike, which bails from the far west, are perhaps the most popular. The first is made by adding canned sour cherries to a plain cream, while the latter is of almond paste made in cornucopia form filled with a whipped cream and soft custard slightly frozen. Over this congenied mass is an abundant spread of almonds.

Fat in any form should never given to the sick, because it is in large globules, and, therefore, most difficult of digestion. Cream is in small globules, and therefore, easier to digest than fats, but skim milk, say the dietarians, is the best food for children and invalids. Milk given to the very sick should be diluted the same as for infants.

Mice are said to object to the odor of mint, a suggest'un that may be utilized to advantage by the house keeper who objects just as strongly to the small rodents. If fresh mint is not obtainable, liquid peppermint applied to the shelves of store room and pantry is said to be equally effi-

Common peach baskets lined with glazed paper cambric make a convenient receptacle for sweepings. maid can readily take one of these with her from room to room, using it to receive the contents of the dust pan and hair receivers.

An English expedient for saving the corners of tablecloths and sheets from being torn on the clotheslines, consists in reenforcing them with tape. The tape is laid on flat and hemmed down for two or three inches each side of the corner.

To clean cork carpet, wash all over twice a week with skim milk, or polish with beeswax and turpentine as you would a stnined floor. The latter method darkens the cork and gives it a rich appearance. A large rug of linen crash placed under the sewing machine will catch

threads and clippings and save a deal of sweeping. Hall rugs, intended to break the long narrow appearance, are greatly in vogue.-Washington Star.

THE SPENDTHRIFT.

What Befalls the One Who Negleets to Provide for the

By most men the rosy dreams of youth are never realized. The workmen must always far outnumber the employers, more than 160 to 1. The man who puts off the practice of economy, waiting for a time when it will be easier for him to deprive himself of certain pet luxuries, learns when it is too late that he has passed the point where he can demand of the present that it shall help provide for is future. Among all the acquaintnces I have had in the past 40 years, not nespendthrift among them has retired rom business a successful man.

Possibly you may look upon that word "spendthrift" as one that cannot be applied to you. You may think it applies only to one who foolishly throws away a fortune. If you will turn to your dictionary you will read that he is a spendthrift who is im-provident or wasteful. The word apolies with equal force to the man earning ten dollars a week and to him who has thousands.

There are no miracles in a business career. The man who wins success has toiled early and late with all his powers of body and mind. He has been subservient to his ambition. He has pushed aside, because it was the first step toward success, every habit and desirthat stood between him and his goal No man was ever numbered among the successful ones unless he was waiting and prepared for Fortune when sh yet been known to wait for any man o boy to prepare himself for her com pany. I know of no one habit that s thoroughly molds the character of young man as the habit of economy. gives him strength of will. It teach him to look beyond an action to final result. It continually remind him that the pure, sweet, innocer the asking, and that Satan is not onl a cruel but an expensive taskmaster.-N. Y. Post.

Biereles in Tiger Honts. The latest use to which bicycles has been applied is tiger hunting. Apr published in British India pives at count of this startling intorme pig. it appears, was carried away tiger from a coffee estate at 1 wood, in the state of Johnne news having been sent to Johore," rus the report. "the sultan's trackers wer the tiger in some low shrub within a half mile of the shed. The sultan himself rode out at four o'clock, and after a short beat of half an hour a large tiger was driven out of the shrub and fell to one well-placed shot by the sultan through the tiger's forehead."

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LONDON IN 1784

There Were Many Highwaymen an Footpads on the Road-Brass Knockers Stolen.

In 1784 M. La Combe published a book entitled "A Picture of London," in which inter alia he says: "The highroads 36 or 40 miles round London . . filled with ermed highwaymen and footpads." This was then pretty true, bough the expression "filled" is somewhat of an exaggeration. The medical student of 40 or 50 years ago scems to have been anticipated in 1784, for M. La Combe tells us that "the brass knockers of doors, which cost from 12 to 15 shillings, are stolen at night if the maid forgets to unscrew them" -a precaution which seems to have gone out of fashion. "The arrival of he mails," our author says, "is uncertain at all times of the year. Perons who frequently receive letters hould recommend their correspondents not to insert loose papers, nor to out the letters in covers, because the tax is sometimes treble, and always arbitrary, though in a free country. ties of the English."

M. La Combe does not give us a flattering character! "An Englishman," he says, "considers a foreigner as an nemy, whom he dares not offend open-'y, but whose society he fears; and he attaches himself to no one." Perhaps it was so in 1784, but such feelings have nearly died out-at least among edu-cated people. M. La Combe, in another part of his book, exclaims: "How are you changed, Let doners! Your women are become bold, imperious and expensive. Bankrupts and beggars, coincrs, spies and informers, robbers and pickockets abound; the baker mixes alum n his bread; the brewer puts op um and copper fllings in his beer; the milkwoman spoils her milk with snails,"-Gentleman's Magazine.

A Vulture as a Trick Bird.

To teach a big black vulture as many tricks as a poodle has been the diversion of an English collector of uncanny ets. This monster bird, which has a ine sense of humor, will execute at he word of command an uncouth lance, using its huge wings to suplement the motions of its feet-nov railing them on the ground, now cov ring its head with them, and anon apping them lugubriously. But the ulture's most engaging accomplishent is to beg for food. When he deires a choice shinbone he scorns to erform the undignified antics of a oodle, but prostrates himself with ue oriental humility, drooping in ery quill and resting the top of his ald head on the ground. This selfbase tient is so complete that it has rebility all its own. The bird's maser is greatly attached to it, among ther reasons because the great lonevity of its species suggests the hought that it may have taken part a the great migration inspired by the portality among Russian Norses at ebastopol. Moreover, it is a relative t the condor of the Andes, largest of Il birds.-N. Y. World.

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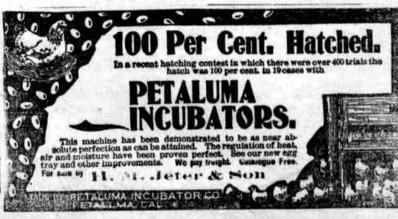
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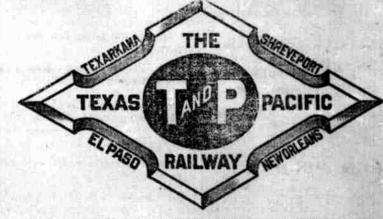


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